

36 Believed Dead in Wreck Of Oil Tanker

Only 3 Known Rescued of 40 Aboard J. A. Chanslor; Strikes Reef Off Cape Blanco and Breaks in Two

Survivors Drift All Night

Half of Crew Lost When Part of Vessel Sinks; Ten Others Launch Boat

EANDON, Ore., Dec. 20.—Thirty-six lives were lost when the oil tanker J. A. Chanslor, bound in ballast from Portland, Ore., to San Francisco, was wrecked at 6:15 o'clock Thursday night off Cape Blanco, according to reports of the disaster given to-day by Captain A. A. Sawyer, master of the ship, who was rescued by the men of Cape Blanco Lighthouse.

Captain Sawyer, who contracted pneumonia as the result of exposure and is now in a hospital here in a critical condition; Quartermaster Kunkle and Earl Dooley, a sailor, who was washed ashore, are the only members of the crew of thirty-nine who are known to have reached land.

According to reports given by the survivors, the ship struck a submerged reef and broke in two within a few minutes. Half the crew was carried down when the fore part of the ship sank. Ten others, among them the survivors, launched a lifeboat, the only one known to have left the ship's side.

The boat drifted all Thursday night and most of yesterday. One seaman, who appeared to be insane, was rescued, but died soon afterward. Two others who were floating on a plank were picked up. Exposure brought death to two occupants of the lifeboat, reducing its crew to ten. Last night these sought to make a landing near the mouth of Whiskey Run River, four miles north of here. Only three men survived the attempt.

Three unidentified bodies have been found and there are reports to have been washed ashore.

Captain Sawyer said that among the crew was Francis Jackson, son of the publisher of "The Oregon Journal," in Portland, who acted as a second engineer. Captain Sawyer telephoned his wife in Portland that he was safe ashore, but gave no details of the wreck.

Search parties are being maintained along the coast. The steamer Johanna Smith, Olsen, City of Topeka, Rose City and Admiral Schley are searching the waters in the vicinity of Bandon and Cape Blanco for other survivors. A heavy fog and choppy sea are making it difficult, however.

New Prosecution Nears End State Has Second Confession It Alleges Prisoner Made

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 20.—A second and more lengthy confession, alleged to have been made by Harry New, on trial for the murder of his sweetheart, Freda Lester, will be offered as evidence when the case is resumed Monday morning, according to announcement by the prosecution. There was no session to-day of the court where New's trial is in progress.

The state's evidence probably will be completed by Monday night, according to Thomas Lee Woolwine, District Attorney. Both sides hope to complete the case by Christmas.

An important point was made by the prosecution when Judge Gavin Craig permitted the introduction of one confession alleged to have been made by New. This was over his counsel's objection.

Bascule Span Foils Bandits Bandon Trapped Auto and Victim to Make Escape

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Trapped on a raised trestle of the bascule bridge spanning the river at Throop Street in such a manner their automobile could not be driven forward or back, four bandits deserted the car, in which sat their victim, whom they had beaten and robbed, and escaped after a battle with a city employee.

This climax followed two pay roll robberies, in which \$2,000 was obtained by the bandits.

Peter J. Weiser, the bridge tender, started to raise the bridge when he saw the automobile approaching, with three of the occupants beating their victim. First he dithered, owner of a stone yard, whom they had held up.

Holiday Shoppers Obey 5th Avenue Traffic Rule

Holiday shoppers have obeyed with few protests the "keep-to-the-right" rule which has been enforced on the sidewalks of Fifth Avenue for the last week.

Between 8 o'clock in the morning and 10 at night all southbound pedestrians on the avenue, between Sixteenth Street and the Plaza must keep on the west sidewalk. All northbound pedestrians must keep to the east side.

Policemen from the precincts which include this district are stationed at each crossing, to explain the rule and prevent misunderstandings. This will be continued until the holiday rush is over.

Film Actors Star As Real Firemen

Form Bucket Brigade and Help Check \$100,000 Fort Lee Studio Blaze

Movie actors and actresses, resplendent in costumes and grease paint, suddenly switched roles yesterday when fire started in the factory building of the Sox Studio at Fort Lee and became members of a volunteer fire department.

They formed a bucket line and labored valiantly to keep the flames from spreading to other buildings on "the lot" and, with the aid of firemen, kept the entire plant from being destroyed. Damage is estimated at \$100,000.

The studio is being used by Albert Capellani, who is at work on a picture play starring Marjorie Rambeau. Most of the film for this was saved, a large portion of it by Mr. Capellani himself, who cut his hand badly in smashing a window to get at some of the film which had just been developed.

The blaze was discovered shortly after noon. It is believed that it was kindled by defective wiring. Fed by celluloid films, it spread rapidly until by the time firemen arrived the entire structure was ablaze.

The effort of the Fort Lee department, aided by the actors, was not sufficient to hold the fire in check and reinforcements were drawn from Englewood, Edgewater and Leonia. The fire kept the walls of buildings adjoining the burning one flooded with water.

By 2 p. m. the factory had burned to a mass of ruins and the fire was under control.

Shopmen Confer With Hines

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Representatives of the railroad shop crafts, which have a membership of more than 500,000, called on Director General Hines to-day to renew their discussion of the high cost of living and the necessity for wage increases.

Mr. Hines explained that he hoped in a few days to give more definite advice on living costs and a further conference was agreed upon. Neither the officials nor Mr. Hines would add to the brief announcement concerning the conference but it was thought that Attorney General Palmer's forthcoming report on what has been accomplished in the campaign to reduce the cost of living would have a part in the negotiations.

She Dies for Independence

POUGHKEEPSIE, Dec. 20.—Spurning the offer of her son's large, modern house twenty feet away, Mrs. Jane S. Smith, eighty-nine years old, died to-day in the humble three room cottage in which for twenty-five years she had lived a spinster.

For many years Mrs. Smith had declared that she expected to maintain her independence until she died. She did all of her own cooking, house work and sewing and cultivated a garden which provided her with fruits and vegetables. All the efforts of her son to get her to make her home in the big house with his family were futile. This morning Mrs. Smith was found dead in bed. Her funeral will be held at the house which she so long refused to leave.

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Crocker Willing to View Life 'From Sidelines Only'

Even the Affairs of Tammany Hall Fail to Interest the 80-Year-Old Ex-Boss; "Going South Soon," He Says, "and Later Back to Ireland"

Richard Crocker, a decade ago the most powerful influence in New York politics, rode through the streets of the city yesterday viewing his former haunts through the eyes of an interested visitor.

The next Presidential candidate, politics, even the affairs of Tammany Hall, over which he held undisputed sway for many years, were subject of casual interest only. Physically fit and keen to learn all that is going on in the world, the once feared boss announced that he had no desire to get back into politics—that life to him was a game to be viewed leisurely from the sidelines only.

"You know I'll be eighty years old when my next birthday comes and I realize that my brain isn't quite as capable of grasping big problems as it may have been a few years ago," he said, running his fingers through his snow-white hair. "However, I have no organic ailments and I feel able to enjoy myself many years longer. My hearing isn't quite as good as it was even a year ago and my eyes don't appear to be as perfect as I used to think they were."

Mind Keenly Active

But when the former Tammany leader discussed such phases of politics as he cared to take up he showed that his mind was far from suffering from age. The Hyman municipal ownership plan appeared to arouse his critical interest more than any other issue. While he omitted to mention the Mayor's name in connection with the denunciation of his traction program, he showed that he entertained strong personal feelings on the subject.

"Why, it's plain to anybody that if we are to continue having streetcars they must pay expenses or they won't remain," he said. "And if we pay the men great increases in wages, and everything that goes to make the operation of streetcars possible goes on according to the time factor, at the end of the year we have an increased revenue to meet these expenses. If they don't, how in the world can they continue? And if we admit that they must have the money to pay these bills, how

else but through increased fares are they to get that money?"

"That is so simple that there is no argument possible. Any man who says the transportation companies can pay the increased expenses that they are forced to meet and collect only a five cent fare is playing to the galleries. Of course, everybody would like to ride for nothing if that were possible. But we know it isn't, and when some man says we can get along without increased fares we know he is seeking the applause of the ignorant. Thinking men know differently."

Recalls "Other" Days

As Mr. Crocker reclined in a red velvet couch at the Savoy Hotel, a worn bathrobe wrapped about him, he half closed his eyes and recalled the day when "living was easier."

"Everything has gone up so much that it is impossible to figure just what salaries should be in order to meet this increase," he said. "It's the same over in Ireland. Farm workers who got a pound a week now are getting two pounds. But their employer gets double for his crops, so he is no worse off because of the wage increase."

"The man who really is hard up to-day is the retired old fellow, who, having a fixed income that never changes, has to move from the city because he can't adjust himself to new conditions. His dollars had a big purchasing power when he earned them and put them away, but they aren't worth enough to keep him going now. He is th man woe really to be pitied."

Mr. Crocker showed interest in both local and national politics, but refused to suggest a possible Presidential candidate.

"Sa, who do they hold responsible for the high cost of living?" he asked when the subject was broached. "Do they think the city administration is responsible? Do they blame the President? Those are questions everybody must ask, but they are hard to answer. I think, of course, it is necessary to suggest a possible candidate for President on either side. I don't think the leaders know."

"I remember when I was in politics, here the newspapers used to give me

credit for figuring out a lot of big things far in advance. But the fact is we never knew until a few weeks ahead of an election just what we would do. It isn't possible to do all that figuring ahead that they think is being done. Situations change so rapidly that the best plans aren't worth much very long."

Mr. Crocker hopes to escape from the chill winds and snows of a New York winter as soon as he can get accommodations to go South. He will remain at Palm Beach until spring, then return to New York for a brief visit before sailing again to Ireland.

Industrial Disputes Show Slight Increase for Week

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Industrial disputes throughout the country showed a slight increase, according to the weekly report of the Department of Labor.

During the week ending December 20 there were eight new cases brought to the attention of the department compared with seven for each of the two previous weeks. There are now twenty-one strikes and seventy-six controversies which have not reached the strike stage before the department for settlement.

Adjustments of eleven labor disputes affecting about 5,000 workers were made during the week.

Gronha Protest Ruling Of Steering Committee

Not "Willing To Be Rubber Stamp" of Any Group, He Says, Threatening Bolt

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Over protest of Senator Gronha, Republican, North Dakota, the Senate agreed before adjournment to-night to give the house water power development bill right of way when Congress reconvenes January 5. The action was recommended by the Republican steering committee. Senator Gronha declared he was not "willing to be a rubber stamp for any committee."

Urning that regular order be followed he said: "I give notice now that if the majority party is going to proceed on the unjust theory of letting two or three men say what bills shall be taken up, I don't intend to be a party to it."

Dusted Germans Nearing Home

THE HAGUE, Dec. 20.—Two hundred and ninety-four Germans who were recently expelled from Brazil arrived at Rotterdam to-day and proceeded to Germany.



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